

A proclamation set fourth by the Kyng and Quenes maiesties, agaynst Thomas Stafforde, and others traytours his adherentes.



Here as Thomas Stafforde, and others malicious and euell disposed subiectes his adherentes, hauinge conspyred to perpetrate dyuers heynous treasons agaynst the moste royall persons of theyr maiesties, and thereupon fearynge to receaue iust punishment for his and theyr desertes, fled into the partes of beyonde the seas, and there remaynyng for a tyme, haue, persuing in their said malice, deuyled & attempted dyuers tymes to styre seditions and rebellions within this realme, to the great disturbaunce of the quietnes, peace, and tranquillitie therof, by sendyng hether into the realme, diuers booke, letters, and wyptynges, both printed and wyrtten, farced and filled full of vntruthes, and seditious and moste false surmises, of thinges sayde to be done and deuyled by the kyng our soueraigne Lorde and his seruantes, whiche were neuer ymagined or thought. And to shew theyr vtter malice with more effecte, the same Stafforde dyd lately, with certayne of his said complices vnnaturall English men, & some straungers, entre into this realme, and by stealth toke theyr maiesties Castell of Scarborough, in the countye of Yorke, and set out a shamefull proclamation, wherein he trayterously calleth, nameth, & affymeth our said soueraigne Lady & quenes highnes, to be vnyghtful and moste vnworthy Queene, and that the kynges maiestie oure sayde soueraigne Lorde, hath induced and broughte into this realme the number of. xii. M. straungers and Spanyardes, and that into the sayde Spanyardes handes. xii. the strongest holdes of this realme be deliuered. In whiche proclamation also the sayd traytour Stafforde, dyd name and take hym self to be protectour and gouernour of this realme by these moste false and vnnaturall meanes myndyng to allure the good subiectes of theyr maiesties, to withdraue theyr dutye of allegiaunce from theyr sayd maiesties, and to adhere to hym the sayd Stafforde, to theyr confusion. Albeit the sayd Stafforde and other traytours his complices, be by the helpe of God, and dyligence of the earle of Westmerland and other noble men and gentlemen, good subiectes of those parties, repelled, apprehended, and forth comynge, to receaue iust punishment accordyng to theyr desertes, and that it may be wel thought, that no wyse nor honest man thinketh, or can iustly gather any cause to thinke that the kynges maiestie myndeth any other thyng vnto the quenes maiestie and the realme, but onely to be carefull, and studious of all thinges, tendinge to the benefyt, surety, honoz, and defence of the same, and in this part moste louinglye and dayly bestoweth the great trauaile of his royall person, besydes & large expences of his goodes & treasure, yet to thintent none of theyr sayd lounge subiectes shuld by simplicitie be seduced and deceaued throughe the deuelysh deuises of the aforesayde, or anye other lyke traytours, theyr maiesties of theyr great clemency and tender zeale towarde theyr sayd subiectes, haue thought good to warne and admonysh them of the pemysses, exhortyng and chargyng them, to geue no eare or credite to the sayd false proclamations and bryptes, set out or spred by the sayd traytours, or hereafter to be set out by any others, wherby they shal the better auoyd the daungers which they may otherwise incurre by adhearyng or resortyng vnto the sayd traytours, and that also theyr sayd lounge subiectes do vse them selues quietlye without styre or rysinge, tyll they be commaunded in the name of theyr maiesties, by the lieutenant of the county where the sayd subiectes dwel or inhabit, or by the Sheriffe or such Iustices as shal haue aucthoritie from their highnesses in that behalfe to rayse and leuy them. And that the sayd subiectes, and euery of them, shal endeuer them selues to apprehend and take, and before the same lieutenant, Sherif, or Iustices of the peace of the sayd county, byng all and euerye suche person or persons as they suspect, or know to be of the company of the sayd traytours, or to fauour and ayde them, and all suche other also as shal procure the people vnlawfully to styre, or shal seditiously, or maliciously, spred or tel any seditious newes concerning the doynges of the sayd traytours or other wyse. Strayghtly chargyng and commaundyng all Iustices of peace, Mayers, Sheriffes, bayliffes, Constables, and al other their maiesties officers and ministers, to se this proclamation put in execution, as theyr maiesties specially trust them, and as the sayd officers and ministers wyl aunswere to the contrarye at theyr vttermost peryles. **Geuen at our Palace of Westminster the last day of Aprill.**
God saue the kyng and the Queene.